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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Applicants enclose herewith an Amendment in response to Office Action mailed on November 23, 2007.

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2007 for which a three-month response period, expiring on February 23, 2008, was set. The one-month extended period for response expires on March 23, 2008. Please charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) one-month extension fee of \$120.00, and any additional fees that may be required, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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